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1. On 11 October 1950, the Artillerie Kaserne on August Bebel Strasse, Frankfurt/Oder, was again occupied by about 600 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Trucks and 76.2-mm AA guns were unloaded over the military loading ramp that day.

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On 12 October, six 76.2-mm AA guns were cleaned in the barracks yard by about 60 soldiers. On 14 October, about 40 soldiers were seen at training with three guns and about 40 men were engaged in formation drill.

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2. In the evening of 10 October, all windows in the Duelow Kaserne were lighted. During the same night source observed tanks, moving from the military loading ramp along August Bebel Strasse toward Westkreuz. On 11 October, six tanks were seen in the yard of the Duelow Kaserne and more tanks were observed in the open garages. About 25 to 30 trucks were parked in the barracks yard. On 12 October, five steaming field kitchens stood in front of the mess building. Two canvas-covered tanks were parked in front of the garages. About 60 soldiers in coveralls did maintenance work on the tanks in the garages. Trucks

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3. Only individual soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen in the northeastern section of the Eichhorn Kaserne. The southwestern section was occupied by about 600 men, about half of whom were recruits, wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 13 October, three groups of about 40 men each were seen at drill and two groups of 10 and 12 men respectively taking calisthenics. Motor vehicles

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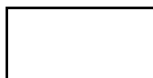
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4. During the first half of October 1950, the undamaged quarters of the Hindenburg Kaserne were re-occupied to about 50 percent of capacity by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. According to a local resident, 30 to 35 tanks moved into the installation during the nights of 10 and 11 October 1950. On 12 October, about 20 tanks were standing in front of the garages. [REDACTED]

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5. The Hofbauer Kaserne was occupied by 40 to 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Along the fence on the western side of the billeting area additional poles with arc lights were erected. There was no vehicle traffic. ***

6. On 19 October, tanks [REDACTED] were identified in the Horn Kaserne. Most of the troops in the installation were engaged in cleaning and repair work. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were seen there. During the nights of 16 and 17 October tanks [REDACTED] were identified among the 24-30 tanks unloaded from two trains over the military loading ramp, Frankfurt/Oder. The tanks moved toward Westkreuz. **

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7. The Ziethen Kaserne was again occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with tank and artillery insignia. On 12 October, about 30 soldiers did maintenance work on three tanks standing in front of the garages. Three 8 to 10-man groups were engaged in aiming practice with three 76.2-mm guns in the barracks yard. About 40 soldiers were seen undergoing infantry drill. On 13 October, about 50 soldiers unloaded boxes from trucks

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[REDACTED] in the barracks yard. Trucks [REDACTED] were also seen in the billeting area.***

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8. The Soviet Komendatura in the former German labor office building on Puschkinstrasse housed about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets. The office rooms were situated in a building across the street. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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* [REDACTED] Comment. Following the transfer of components of the unidentified AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army from the Artillerie Kaserne to Eberswalde in late August 1950, only small rear details had been observed in the installation in September 1950. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Beginning October 1950, elements of the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 32d, started moving into the Artillerie Kaserne, coming from Altengrabow. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the unit which was unloaded on 11 October 1950 also belonged to this AAA division.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. The report indicates that the units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div returned to their permanent billets in the Buelow Kaserne, the Hindenburg Kaserne, the Horn Kaserne and the Ziethen Kaserne by 20 October 1950. Most of the elements of the 7th Gds Mecz Div had left the Lieberose training area by 10 October 1950. [REDACTED]

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*** [REDACTED] Comment. There have been no changes in the occupation of the Eichhorn Kaserne, the Hofbauer Kaserne and the Komendatura since the last report of 20 September 1950 by the same source. [REDACTED]

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